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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Rossi

Serial No. 09/880,980  
Filed: June 13, 2001

For:

**THERMALLY AND  
MECHANICALLY STABLE LOW-  
COST HIGH THERMAL  
CONDUCTIVITY STRUCTURE FOR  
SINGLE-MODE FIBER COUPLING  
TO LASER DIODE**

Group Art Unit: 2874 .

Examiner: Not Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
Atty Docket No. A-69888/RMA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. An apparatus for at least a four-axis alignment of an optical fiber with a light source, comprising:

a fiber holder; and

a substantially tubular interface having a central axis along its center and a first open end, the interface receiving the fiber holder through the first open end and allowing at least a four-axis alignment through a single contact region, the fiber holder receiving the optical fiber and aligning the optical fiber with the central axis.